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SUBJECT: PONOMAREV'S SPEECH APRIL 27 IN PRAGUE

1. SPEECH APRIL 27 BY SOVIET CC SECRETARY BORIS PONOMAREV
IN PRAGUE AT "PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SOCIALISM" MEETING
(ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS FBIS TEXT) IS STRONGLY WORDED ATTACK
ON WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS "CAMPAIGN" CONDUCTED BY "ENEMIES
OF DETENTE." PONOMAREV ATTACKS THOSE IN WEST (NOWHERE IN
SPEECH ARE SPECIFIC COUNTRIES OR INDIVIDUALS NAMED) WHO
SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF ARMS RACE AND QUOTES BREZHNEV TULA
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SPEECH THAT THIS COULD INCREASE THREAT OF WAR.

2. ON HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGNERS AND DISSIDENTS
PONOMAREV IS EQUALLY STRONG AND CONDEMNATORY CLAIMING
THAT DISSIDENTS ARE ALLIED WITH THOSE IN WEST PROMOTING
CAMPAIGN IN ATTEMPT TO INCREASE "ECONOMIC AND EVEN
MILITARY PRESSURE ON THE SOCIALIST STATES."

3. OF PARTICULAR NOTE ALSO IS PONOMAREV'S COMMENTS ON "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" AND THE LINKING OF "ANTI-SOVIETISM" WITH "ANTI-COMMUNISM" A LA BREZHNEV AT BERLIN CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES. HE CITES BREZHNEV'S INVOCATION OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AT BERLIN CONFERENCE AS ONE OF "GREAT IDEAS" OF MARX, ENGELS AND LENIN GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED IN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

4. COMMENT: WHILE TONE AND CONTENT OF SPEECH ARE APPROPRIATE TO OCCASION IT CONSTITUTES SECOND MAJOR SPEECH IN RECENT DAYS (ZIMYAMIN'S LENIN BIRTHDAY SPEECH BEING OTHER) IN WHICH SOVIET PARTY LEADER HAS TAKEN UNCOMPROMISING HARD-LINE ON DETENTE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. IT IS ALSO INDICATION TO OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES THAT ALTHOUGH SOVIET IDEAS ON "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" AND "ANTI-SOVIETISM" DID NOT CARRY THE DAY IN BERLIN, THEY ARE STILL ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN SOVIET UNION.
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